City Manager's Weekly **Update**

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Employment Opportunities with the City of Belmont

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Feb 24 **Council Meeting**

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City Seeking Your Input on Priorities for Local Services

On Tuesday, February 3rd, Councilmember Stone and City Treasurer Violet gave an update at the Cipriani PTA Meeting regarding the City's efforts to engage residents in a community conversation on local service needs in Belmont. Do you have an upcoming meeting you'd like us to attend? Just call 650-595-7408 to schedule a brief presentation. All community members are encouraged to continue contributing feedback on their top priorities for Belmont by taking part in our Community Survey, available online at www.belmont.gov/survey.



Join the Community Conversation

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL SERVICES?



MAINTAIN LOCAL SERVICES

The City is working to maintain local services as Sacramento continues to find new ways to take our local funds. Over the last 20 years, the State has taken \$15.5 million from the City of Belmont.

This has left us with repairs and improvements for our roads, storm drains, parks and more that Belmont cannot address.

Over the coming months, we will be engaging residents in a Community Conversation on your perspectives regarding local service needs. The most important input into this process comes from YOU! Please help us by clicking the link to take our <u>Community Survey</u> today.



Tell us services you want to protect, maintain or improve.

Contact Jozi Plut at (650) 595-7408 with any questions.



Follow Traffic Hotspots on Social Media



At least once a week the Belmont Police Department promotes a Traffic Hotspot on social media. Those who follow us on Twitter (@belmontcapolice) can learn where traffic enforcement is likely to occur on that day. Why...you ask? Because we believe that traffic SAFETY is the goal, and that those who pay attention to their driving at certain times of the day will also pay attention to their driving elsewhere. We also believe that traffic enforcement must be done

with a purpose and that purpose must be the improvement of our streets and neighborhoods.

Here is an example of one of this week's messages: "Traffic Hotspot! On Friday, officers will be monitoring speed on Ralston Ave between Cipriani and Hwy 92. Drive safe! #BelmontWatch"

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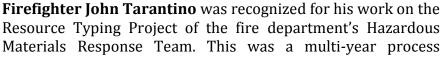
Belmont Fire Department Promotion & Recognition

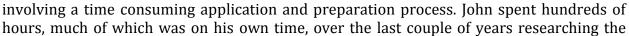


On February 5th the Belmont/San Mateo/Foster City Fire Department had a Badge Pinning Ceremony & Firefighter Awards Recognition event at Foster

City Fire Station 28. The event included the promotion and recognition of the following Belmont Fire Protection District personnel:

Training Captain Jeff Thorne was promoted to Fire Captain and will be returning to operations here in Belmont. In December 2013 Jeff was promoted to Training Captain as part of the fire department's partnership with the Central San Mateo County Fire Training Division, where he delivered ongoing training to over 250 firefighters in central San Mateo County.







needs and requirements for this process, which culminated with the team being designated by the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) Fire/Rescue Division as a "Type-2" Haz-Mat resource both in the State of California as well as nationally.

Please join us in congratulating both Jeff and John on their recognition.



Storm Division

- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake roadway, dam, v-ditch, and dock
- Inspected and cleaned both Ralston and Harbor Storm Pump Stations
- Swept 133 miles of curb resulting in the acquisition of 9.56 tons of debris from the roadway
- Inspected 836 feet of storm pipe with our Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) van
- Inspected 4 Storm manholes

Portion of Ralston Avenue Is Cleaner Due to Public Works Storm Crew Efforts

Public Works Storm Maintenance Crew conducted another onland cleanup on a portion of Ralston Avenue this week. Staff collected litter that was deposited along the roadway in efforts to keep trash out of the storm drains.

Onland cleanups are a part of the City's enhanced trash load reduction efforts required by the State for litter reduction.

Litter consists of waste products that have been disposed improperly, without consent, at an inappropriate location. **Litter** can also be used as a verb. To **litter** means to throw (often man-made) objects onto the ground and leave them indefinitely or for others to dispose of as opposed to disposing of them properly.



Trash collected on Ralston between Comet andPullman (picture Right)

Trash collected on Ralston between Pullman and Cipriani (picture Below)





Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 13 service calls
- Videoed 558 feet of sewer pipe
- Jetted (cleaned) 6,656 feet of sewer main
- Inspected 4 sewer manhole
- Staff is Working with Flygt Pumps to purchase and install a single phase electrical kit at the Sports complex Pump Station
- Upgraded the Mission Communications system with new computer/signal chips at the North Road & Ralston Ranch Pump Stations
- Had demonstration of Electro Scan technology for pipeline assessment for infiltration and inflow
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station (*Pictured below*)





Ralston Ranch debris catcher - Before 1-30-15

Ralston Ranch Debris catcher - After 1-30-15

• Staff inspected and cleaned pump check valves at North Road Pump Station, Naughton Pump Station, and Hastings Pump Station (*Pictured below*)



North Road pump check valve #1- before



North Road pump #1 check valve- after



North Road pump #2 check valve-before



North Road pump #2 check valve-after



Naughton pump #1 check valve



Naughton pump #2 check valve



Hastings pump #1 check valve



Hastings pump #2 check valve

 Helped contractor change by-pass piping to higher pressure rated piping system at San Juan pump station (*Pictured below*)





San Juan by-pass pump setup

Streets Division

- Marked out 16 Underground Service Alerts
- Saw cut in preparation for dig outs at 4 locations
- Dug out 17 tons of broken asphalt in front of 2512 Read, added 4 tons of baserock, and put down 14 tons of hot asphalt concrete in 2 lifts
- Dug out 5.68 tons of alligated asphalt in 2 locations in front of 1225 North Road, oiled the patch and put down 6.5 tons of hot asphalt in 2 lifts
- Checked and restocked 3 sandbag filling stations
- Installed new blades on all chain saws

Traffic Division

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Banners 2 down; 2 up
- Repaired 5 streetlights
- Install new generator run and station power notifications at 1 pump station
- Fabricated 19 signs
- Replaced 5 signs Retro Reflectivity Compliance Project
- Attended Lead Worker Academy
- Trimmed vegetation to imp[rove sight distance at 2 locations
- Marked out 1 Underground Service Alert
- Progressed design/build of Emergency Response Trailer
- Notified PG&E about power supply issue for 1 street light
- Attended San Juan by-pass pump safety training
- Updated and confirmed mission alarms



SAVE THE DATE

4th ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 25th 9am-Noon in the Park One Twin Pines Lane

E-Waste Drop-off

Document Shredding

Compost Giveaway

Book Recycling Drop-off



Environmental booths
Informational Displays
Children's activities,

Giveaway's, fun & more!

Parks and Recreation

Water Wise Irrigation Practices Seminar



Belmont Parks and Recreation Dept. hosted a seminar on water wise irrigation practices. The seminar attracted various municipalities and private sector landscapers from throughout the Bay Area and focused on practicing smart. efficient water saving practices. In this time of drought the seminar was a great opportunity to

hone skills and keep abreast of the latest industry trends so that the department may stay ahead of the curve and continue to utilize our most precious resource water- in an efficient manner.

VOICES Partnered with Save the Bay -Remove invasive Species in Baylands

VOICES partnered with *Save the Bay* for the fourth year in a row for a Community-based Restoration Program at the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve. This year students worked alongside 50 other volunteers to remove invasive species in order to create areas for native California species to flourish. VOICES members also watered and mulch spread around existing native plants in hopes that they will continue to grow in the bay.







The City of Belmont Poet Laureate

The City of Belmont and the Belmont Public library are looking for an Official Poet Laureate to act as an ambassador and advocate for poetry, literature and the arts.

Qualifications:

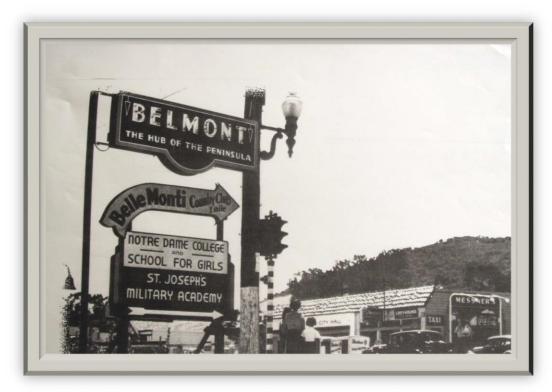
- The Poet Laureate must be a Belmont resident 18 years of age or older who has been recognized for poetry and literary contributions.
- The Poet Laureate must demonstrate a commitment to and passion for poetry and embrace the opportunity to engage in community service to make poetry more accessible and available.

More information and applications are available at:

The Belmont Public Library 1110 Alameda De Las Pulgas Belmont, CA. 94002 (650) 591-8286

Applications are due at the Belmont Public Library by FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, 2015, 6pm.

Enhancing the quality of life for the community
- City of Belmont Parks and Recreation Department



Belmont History Room

10 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont (Twin Pines Park)
(back of Manor Building/Twin Pines Art Center)

650-593-4213

Hours:

Each Sunday and Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m. (holidays excepted)

For special group tours or questions about Belmont history, leave a message on above number or contact Denny Lawhern, 650-533-9349 or email belmontcahistory@aol.com

Other Agency Announcements

Two New Green Energy Proposals Announced

PG&E Plans to Offer Customers a Community Solar Choice in 2015

Green Option Reflects PG&E's Commitment to Clean Energy and Customer Choice

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.— Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) today received permission from state regulators to offer electric customers a new clean energy program that will provide up to 100 percent solar power for a modest cost premium each month. PG&E expects to start enrolling customers in the fourth quarter of this year.

"Our green option is all about giving customers the power to choose and about bringing the benefits of solar to our communities. Our customers already enjoy some of the cleanest power in the United States, but we want to help them do even more to support clean energy and the green economy. Our green option will let them buy into a pool of clean solar energy, locally produced in our service area, to meet all of their electricity needs," said Chris Johns, president of PG&F.

Exploring Community Choice Aggregation in San Mateo County

The County San Mateo and Lean Energy are exploring the potential of community choice aggregation in San Mateo County

Lean Energy Website.—CCAs in California focus on consumer choice, competitive electricity rates, and the aggressive transition to clean energy resources. California's CCA legislation, AB 117, passed in 2002 and was amended by SB 790 in 2011.

California is a predominantly regulated energy state, with only limited access to competitive energy markets through Direct Access and CCA. This means that CCAs in California work in the wholesale (not retail) power market. CCAs are opt-out programs and are approved by local ordinance of a County, City or special district (e.g. local water agency or public utility district); a separate public referendum is not required.

For the most part, local governments who form a CCA in California do so through the creation of a joint powers agency (JPA) that runs the CCA program on behalf of multiple jurisdictions. There are several reasons to consider this approach including the ability of the JPA to leverage financing for new programs and projects as well as the establishment of a legal firewall between the budget and assets of the CCA agency and the general funds of its member cities and towns. Municipalities that have a separate utility or water district can integrate CCA into their current utility service. This is a logical choice since those agencies already have utility (most often water) customers.

Because CCAs in California are organizationally more complex and in some ways more sophisticated, CCA is a long-term proposition and most are focused on offering consumers affordable rates along with an aggressive transition to cleaner, more efficient power. Initial power supply contracts range from 3-5 years, 15-25 year power purchase agreements (PPAs) are common, and the development of local renewable energy projects is often a core goal. CCAs in California have focused on the integration of distributed generation

resources, net-energy metering, local feed-in-tariff, energy efficiency, and demand response programs.

In May 2010, the nation's first CCA committed to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and increased use of renewable power launched in Marin County. Since then, Marin Clean Energy has grown to serve over 100,000 customers with a minimum energy portfolio of 50% CA qualified renewables. The Agency has established net energy metering and feed-in-tariff programs and its long-term PPAs have spurred the development of nearly 60MW of new solar, wind and landfill gas in the State. The program that was once branded a "risky scheme" is proving economically viable and is expanding its service territory and its roster of programs and services.

CCA efforts are underway in San Francisco, Sonoma and in other California cities and counties. The City of Richmond recently joined Marin's program, Sonoma Clean Power is set to launch in early 2014, and Monterey and Santa Cruz have partnered to form Monterey Bay Community Power. Local leaders committed to launching the first southern California CCA have formed the San Diego Energy District Foundation and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved funding for a CCA study within the context of their County Renewable Energy Plan. Public discussions of CCA are occurring from Yolo County to San Luis Obispo and from Arcata to Oakland.

Prior to the failure of Prop 16 in 2010 and the passage of SB 790 in 2011, utility opposition to CCA was fierce and well funded. Since then, utilities have taken a publicly neutral position on CCA, and utility marketing or lobbying against CCA is now illegal. That doesn't mean utility opposition has gone away entirely, and the utilities do a good job working through allied organizations to make their position known. But the real battlegrounds for CCA in California are at the State legislature and the CA Public Utilities Commission. Key regulatory issues include cost shifting from generation to transmission and distribution, non-bypass-able charges that unfairly impact CCA customers, and cost recovery surcharges including utility exit fees. All of these issues make it challenging, but not impossible, to compete in the CA marketplace. Cities and counties around the state are investigating CCA now that Marin's model has proven to be a local economic engine and environmental powerhouse.

CALIFORNIA CCA FAST FACTS (updated December, 2014)

- Number of CCAs approved by the CPUC: 4 (Marin, San Francisco, Sonoma, Lancaster)
- Number of communities currently investigating CCA: 15+
- Minimum and maximum percentage of electricity from renewable power available to Marin County and Richmond customers from Marin Clean Energy (MCE): 50%, 100%; Percent carbon free resources: 67%
- Percentage of renewable power authorized for San Francisco's CleanPowerSF program: 100%
- Megawatts of new local solar from County water project included in Sonoma Clean Power's initial supply portfolio: 20MW
- Monthly rate savings for average small business customer in Marin: \$8.00/month winter, \$2.50/month summer
- Potential rate savings for A-1 commercial customers in San Diego: 23%
- Number of net energy metering (NEM) customers and price per kWh offered under Marin's NEM tariff: 2,500; Full retail + 1 penny

- Amount of new solar development under contract for Marin and Richmond CCA customers: 52 MW
- State Renewable Portfolio Standard: minimum 20% in 2010, moving up to 33% by 2020



Ralston Middle School & San Carlos Children's Theater present the musical "Beauty and the Beast, Jr."



Director: Eron Block. Choreographer: Daina Block. Music Director: Susie Jimenez.

Cast and Crew

All actors are <u>students</u> of Ralston Middle School! Also, Ralston <u>students</u> will be operating the lights and sound, and working backstage. Be entertained while supporting the students!

Story

This musical tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity!

Performance Dates

Friday March 27 at 7:00 PM

Saturday March 28 at 7:00 PM

Sunday March 29 at 1:00 PM

Venue

McKinley Auditorium 400 Duane Street Redwood City, CA 94062

Tickets and Info

Tickets \$10 / person.

Tickets at http://www.scctkids.com/beauty-and-the-beast-jr-ralston-middle-school/

Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
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*Some activities require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R), some are drop-in
*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.

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